

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

SEVERE WEATHER May 8 2008

SITUATION REPORT # 1

1600 Hours May 9, 2008

The next Situation Report will be Saturday, May 10, 2008 at 1300 hours.

SUMMARY

In the overnight hours of May 8 a storm system moving across the Commonwealth generated heavy rain and wind. The Virginia Emergency Operations Center is receiving reports of storm related damage from across the Commonwealth. Initial damage assessments have been received from several jurisdictions and state agencies. One injury has been reported in Stafford County, but no storm related deaths have been reported. There is a flood warning in effect for the Dan River through 10 May. National Weather Service (NWS) Blacksburg confirmed an EF1 Tornado touched down in Henry County and Franklin County. NWS Sterling has confirmed an EF2 tornado in Stafford County.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation: The Virginia VEOC is at Response Operations with augmented staffing. Secretary of Public Safety Marshall has been on scene in Stafford County.

Protective Actions:

Local Emergency Declared:

Stafford County declared a local emergency on 9 May.

City of Martinsville declared a local emergency on 9 May

Local Emergency Operations Center Activated:

City of Martinsville opened 9 May at 0900 hours, closed 1200 hours 9 May

City of Danville opened 9 May at 0630 hours

Nelson County opened 8 May at 2230 hours, closed 0700 hours 9 May

Stafford County and Fairfax County are operating a Unified Incident Command Center

WEATHER

Forecast:

Friday, 9 May: Today a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce gusty winds. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 78. West wind around 17 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%. **Friday night:** Increasing clouds, with a low around 51. North wind between 3 and 9 mph. **Saturday, 10 May:** A slight chance of showers before 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 71. North wind between 3 and 6 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%. **Saturday night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. Light north wind.

OPERATIONS SECTION

Local Liaison:

Region 7 Coordinator Hopkins on scene in Stafford County. Region 2 Coordinator Sterling on scene in Spotsylvania County and City of Fredericksburg.

INFRASTRUCTURE BRANCH

ESF 1 – Transportation:

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

As of 1530 hours there are 72 secondary roads closed.

ESF 12 – Energy:

As of 1535 hours 9 May, Dominion Virginia Power reported 668 customers without power system wide. This includes approximately 300 customers located in Northern Virginia.

**ESF 14 – Long-term
Community Recovery**

Initial Damage Assessment Reports:

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Public</u>
Franklin County	\$5,000	\$3,500
Fredericksburg, City of	\$1,800,000	\$0
Martinsville, City of	\$70,000	\$86,500
Spotsylvania County	\$1,000,000	\$0
Total	\$2,875,000	\$90,000

EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

**ESF 13 – Public Safety
and Security:**

Virginia State Police (VSP)
Augmenting Stafford Sheriff's Department through the weekend.

HUMAN SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 6 – Mass Care

Shelters Open

Stafford County, Gayle Middle School: 50 occupants were housed. Facility will be available as needed.

City of Danville, Salvation Army Building: Facility opened for unrelated event, but will be available as needed.

**ESF 17 – Volunteers and
Donations:**

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is assisting Stafford County.

LOGISTICS SECTION

ESF 7 – Resource Support State radio cache deployed to Stafford County; radio cache is currently on site.

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 5 – Situation Unit

Processing reports from various state agencies such as VDOT, VSP and VDH. In addition, processing reports from localities and agency field personnel in preparation of Situational Reports and to maintain situational awareness

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Stafford County:

An Assistance Center was established at Fire Station #12 (Route 17, 2 miles north of incident). A community meeting was held. The FBI Quantico Mobile Units are assisting Stafford County. The National Capital Region Incident Management Team is located at the Stafford County EOC assisting with EOC operations. Fairfax County Emergency Operation Center is assisting the Stafford County Emergency Operations Center. 100 people have been evacuated. The County has reported 80-100 structures have been affected, 30-40 with significant damage, and 13-15 homes uninhabitable.

Martinsville, City of:

Three people were evacuated and 1 home was flooded.

Danville, City of:

12 people were evacuated, but no reports of flood damage.

Nelson County:

The County has reported 2 homes with major damage and people evacuated in the area.

Franklin County:

The County has reported 1 home with damage.

Spotsylvania County:

The County has reported minor damage to one industrial complex.

Fredericksburg, City of: The City has reported minor damage to one industrial complex.

Prince William County: Several homes in one subdivision have flooding in the basements.

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